

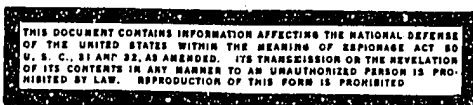
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#### EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS IN THE BELGIAN CONGO

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDENTS IN LEOPOLDVILLE -- Leopoldville, Le Courrier d'Afrique, 17 Jun 52

A technical institute for European students will open in Leopoldville for the academic year 1952 - 1953. The school is organized and directed by the order of the Reverend Brothers of Christian Schools. Initially, courses will be given in the French language only.

To be eligible for admission, candidates must meet the following requirements: (1) successful completion of 4 years of classical studies or 3 years of intermediate [not further specified] studies; (2) students who have not successfully completed the foregoing studies must furnish proof of satisfactory work in mathematics, science, and French.

Courses are to be offered in electricity, building construction, and chemistry. The department of electricity, which will open in September 1953, will have two specialized fields: electromechanics and radio. The chemistry and building construction departments are planned for 1954 and 1955. Diplomas awarded will have the same value as the degrees conferred by similar schools in Belgium.

The parents or legal guardian of the candidate will forward applications for registration to the Ecole Technique de Leopoldville (Technical School of Leopoldville), enclosing proof of academic studies completed and whether conducted in French or Dutch. If the number of applications exceeds that of the estimated enrollment capacity, selection will be based on grades attained. Tuition will be 200 francs monthly, and students will be required to pay for their books and supplies.

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SCHOOL POPULATION IN ELISABETHVILLE INCREASES -- Leopoldville, Le Courrier d'Afrique, 27, 28 Sep 52

Figures furnished by the three official schools in Elisabethville show a current [1952] enrollment of 2,640 pupils, an increase of 157 over the number reported on 1 January 1951. Classes are conducted in French or Flemish. Enrollment in the three schools is given below with a breakdown of the number of pupils using each of the two languages:

1. Institut Marie-Jose (Marie-Jose Institute), Kindergarten: French, 300, Flemish, 47; primary school classes: French, 480, Flemish, 48; secondary (classical) school studies: French, 170, Flemish, 5; adult education classes: French, 60; and vocational courses: French, 130.

2. Athenee Royal (Royal Belgian Academy), Kindergarten: French, 107; primary school classes: French, 339, Flemish, 28; and intermediate studies: French, 223, Flemish, 3.

3. College Saint Francois de Sales (Saint Francis de Sales School), primary school classes: French, 415, Flemish, 50; and secondary (classical) school studies: French, 229, Flemish, 6.

EUROPEAN EDUCATION IN THE BELGIAN CONGO -- Leopoldville, Le Courrier d'Afrique, 22 Sep 52

The Belgian Congo has shown a continual rise in the number of European children attending school since the end of World War II. Between 1950 and 1951, the number of pupils increased from 8,388 to 10,354.

There are 13 official secular schools, two official schools conducted by the order of the Reverend Brothers of Christian Schools, 29 private schools subsidized by the government, two private schools for mulattos subsidized by the government, and 13 nonsubsidized private schools. The nonsubsidized schools do not meet the conditions necessary to qualify for government aid. Approximately 600 teachers staff the schools.

Two thirds of the school population (6,661 pupils) attend denominational schools, and nearly one third (3,171) attend official secular schools. Only about 430 attend nonsubsidized schools.

School enrollment in the principal cities is as follows: Elisabethville, 2,492; Leopoldville, 2,395; Costermansville, 1,527; Jadotville, 762; Stanleyville, 462; Luluabourg, 346; and Kolwezi, 314.

Despite the increase in the number of schools in the Belgian Congo, there are large areas still without school facilities. Thus, more than 20 percent of the pupils are obliged to attend school away from home. To help defray the expense to the parents, the government has established a system of grants to assist in the payment of boarding school and travel.

The government will reimburse three round trips per year between home and school if the costs of travel exceed 500 francs. If the time required for land travel necessitates an overnight stop at a hotel, air travel is authorized instead. In general, government grants for pupils in boarding schools cover monthly expenses in excess of 1,500 francs. However, the amount of assistance is determined by the size of the family concerned and its income.

There are also specialized schools for Europeans in the Belgian Congo, such as the school of music in Elisabethville and the two industrial schools in Elisabethville and Jadotville, which were established by firms in upper Katanga Province. At the end of 1951, there were 239 pupils attending the two industrial schools.

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A school of painting established in Elisabethville in September 1951 has an attendance of 70 pupils, 19 of whom are Congolese.

SCHOOL FOR OBSTETRICAL NURSES -- Leopoldville, Le Courrier d'Afrique, 3 Nov 52

The Kwango mission of the Society of Jesus was authorized by the Congolese government to establish a school for native obstetrical nurses at the Hopital d'Aide Medicale aux Missions a Yasa (Yasa Missions Hospital). Courses begin 1 October and are completed 1 July of the following year.

NEW FARM SCHOOL FOR EUROPEANS -- Leopoldville, Le Courrier d'Afrique, 16 Dec 52

A new farm school for Europeans will be opened soon in the Ituri region, near Bunia, on the grounds of a 700 hectare farm. The school is located in a region which is particularly favorable to stock breeding, at an altitude of 1,650 meters. The farm includes vegetable gardens, plantings of arabica coffee trees and eucalyptus trees, and pasture land, with about 500 head of cattle.

The activity of the new school will center mainly on the dairy industry, and the staff will include specialists in that field.

There are two other farm schools for Europeans in the Belgian Congo: one at Mushweshwe in Kivu Province and the other at Lula in Stanleyville Province. Candidates for admission must be citizens of Belgium or Luxembourg, between the ages of 25 and 30 (or 35 for veterans), and must have worked at least 5 years on a farm. Tuition is free to students whose financial resources do not exceed 200,000 francs.

The course of instruction is practical rather than theoretical and lasts one year. Students must solve technical problems with which they will have to cope later as planters. Those who successfully complete the course will be given preference in obtaining a land grant and will have the opportunity to settle on surveyed land. In addition, they may obtain loans from the Societe des Credits au Colonat (Farmers Loan Bank) and also assistance in clearing their land.

BUILD LOVANIUM UNIVERSITY CENTER AT KIMUENZA -- Elisabethville, Essor du Congo, 19 Sep 52

A new university center is at present under construction at Kimuenza, 10 kilometers from Leopoldville.

Buildings will include the school of science, library, church, hospital, the school of medicine, and a clinic and maternity annex. There will be a residential section of about 40 houses for professors and their families. An outdoor aquarium, a model farm and laboratory, a camp for native workers, and a stadium are also planned.

Future plans for the Lovanium University Center also include construction of a convent, rectory, open air theater, a school of theology, a faculty club, guest house, swimming pool and tennis courts, parking lot, workshop, laundry, and quarters to house 600 resident students.

Construction of houses for professors and the schools of education and theology should be completed by the end of 1953 or the beginning of 1954; the hospital should be completed by the end of 1955.

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